Pretty Soviet Aide Has Many Dates

By Jack Anderson

In the quiet quest for U.S. secrets, the Soviets sometimes follow the script of the James Bond movie "From Russia With Love." This column, for example, has checked into the romantic conquests of modish, mini-skirted Galina "Glaya" Utekhina whose intimate male friends would fill a Who's Who.

By day, Galya is Russia's cultural attache in Washington. She may be seen, dressed with peasant modesty, escorting women's delegations from the Soviet Union around Washington.

But by night, Galya slips into a trim blouse and short skirt purchased from the most chic boutiques. She often turns up, usually escorted by an important American, at some softly lit restaurant.

Galya is always gay, and she holds her liquor well. One escort has described her as scintillating. She is also a good listener.

She has dated prominent figures from Captiol Hill, government agencies, western embassies and the United Nations. She has even romanced a few lobbyists, who have no official standing but who possess an intimate acquaintance with the backrooms of Washington.

All the men have one thing in common; they are close to the seat of power.

We won't publish the names of her many escorts. There is no real proof that they have whispered anything more compromising into her ear than soft endearments.

We know she likes to discuss affairs of state with them. One powerful U.S. official, speaking from experience, acknowledged to us that Galya was more interested in political than cultural matters.

Footnote: The pretty, blond Mrs. Utekhina is separated or divorced from her husband. She is 41 years old, but looks much younger. Apparently, she learned of our investigation into her after-hours activities. Our repeated efforts to reach her were ignored. Telephone calls were never returned, and she was never in when we called her private office number.

Martha Green (back) Thumb

Martha Mitchell, the vivacious wife of the Attorney General, is as free with the taxpayers' money as she is with her verbal outburst.

The talkative Martha has already spent more than $50,000 to refurbish the inside of the Justice Department.

Now she is spending another $50,000 to redo the greenery on the outside. Mrs. Mitchell has bullied the General Services Administration into uprooting some of the fine yews put in during Lady Bird Johnson's beautification project.

The first $50,000 went into a new dining room and kitchen at Justice so Martha could entertain cabinet wives. She personally directed the placement of tables, chairs and wall fixtures and even arranged for little personal spotlights to be directed on the tables.

Queried about the money, Justice claimed that only $30,000 was spent on the kitchen and dining room, but the figure is actually more than $50,000.

Last week, Mrs. Mitchell ordered government painters to work at night to transform her husband's corridors into a primrose and forsythia colored pathway. This was in preparation for a visit by President Nixon to Justice to sign a crime bill.

Martha's new plans for leaving her individual trademark on the Justice Department building have caused distress in some young lawyer-botanists working for her husband. She has bullied the General Services Administration into brutally cutting back the handsome old magnolia trees growing alongside the building.

Many of the azalea bushes and shrubs around the Department are being dug up to be replaced in this year of economy by expensive Japanese holly bushes and boxwoods. Martha's choice of boxwoods shows how little she knows about Washington. The city's garden experts maintain that it is virtually impossible to grow boxwoods in exhaust-ridden downtown Washington without almost daily care.

Mrs. Mitchell is also anxious to give her husband a different view from his office window. So she is having the old oaks outside his window chopped down even though they've been growing there for decades.

When Martha Mitchell is finished with redesigning the outside of the Department, she will have spent more than $100,000 of the taxpayers' money—all without full hearings by Congress.